

**BEFORE THE  
MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of the Accusation Against: )

George Frederick Knight, M.D. )  
Physician's and Surgeon's )  
Certificate No. G-87926 )

Petitioner )

Case No. 16-2013-229361

**ORDER DENYING PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION**

The Petition filed by Greg R. Bunch, Esq., attorney for George Frederick Knight, for the reconsideration of the decision in the above-entitled matter having been read and considered by the Medical Board of California, is hereby denied.

This Decision remains effective at 5:00 p.m. on January 27, 2014.

**IT IS SO ORDERED:** January 27, 2014

  
Barbara Yaroslavsky, Chair  
Panel A

**BEFORE THE  
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In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

**GEORGE FREDERICK KNIGHT, M.D.**

Physician's & Surgeon's  
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Respondent

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) MBC No. 16-2013-229361  
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) **ORDER GRANTING STAY**  
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) (Gov't Code Section 11521)  
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Greg R. Bunch, Esq., on behalf of respondent, George Frederick Knight, M.D., has filed a Petition for Reconsideration of the Decision in this matter with an effective date of **January 17, 2014**.

Execution is stayed until **January 27, 2014**.

This stay is granted solely for the purpose of allowing the Board time to review and consider the Petition for Reconsideration.

DATED: January 16, 2014

  
Kimberly Kirchmeyer  
Interim Executive Director  
Medical Board of California

**BEFORE THE  
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STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

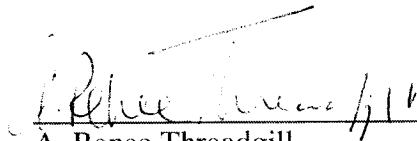
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Certificate No. G-87926	)	
	)	(Gov't Code Section 11521)
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_____ Respondent	)	

Greg R. Bunch, Esq., on behalf of respondent, George Frederick Knight, M.D., has filed a Request for Stay of execution of the Decision in this matter with an effective date of **December 20, 2013.**

Execution is stayed until **January 17, 2014.**

This stay is granted solely for the purpose of allowing the Respondent time to file a Petition for Reconsideration.

**DATED: December 19, 2013**

  
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Chief of Enforcement  
Medical Board of California

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**BEFORE THE  
MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

**GEORGE FREDERICK KNIGHT, M.D.**

**PHYSICIAN'S AND SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE NO. G87926**

**RESPONDENT.**

Case No. 16-2013-229361

**DEFAULT DECISION  
AND ORDER**

[Gov. Code, §11520]

On June 4, 2013, an employee of the Medical Board of California (Board) sent by certified mail a copy of Accusation No. 16-2013-229361, Statement to Respondent, Notice of Defense in blank, copies of the relevant sections of the California Administrative Procedure Act as required by sections 11503 and 11505 of the Government Code, and a request for discovery, to George Frederick Knight, M.D. (Respondent) at his address of record with the Board, 2095 Illinois Avenue NE, St. Petersburg, Florida 33703. Respondent thereafter submitted a letter which was treated as a Notice of Defense. (Accusation package, proof of service, return notification, Exhibit Package, Exhibit 1<sup>1</sup>; Letter from Respondent, Exhibit Package, Exhibit 2.)

On August 20, 2013, a Notice of Hearing was served by certified mail on Respondent informing him that an administrative hearing in this matter was scheduled for November 7, 2013, commencing at 9:00 a.m.. After the package was returned "unclaimed" the Notice of Hearing was sent to Respondent by e-mail. (Exhibit Package, Exhibit 3, Notice of Hearing, proof of service, returned envelope, e-mail.)

Respondent did not appear at the November 7, 2013 hearing. Deputy Attorney General Jane Zack Simon appeared on behalf of Complainant. The Administrative Law Judge found that proper notice of the hearing had been provided, and declared Respondent to be in default.

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<sup>1</sup> The evidence in support of this Default Decision and Order is submitted herewith as the "Exhibit Package."

1 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

2 I.

3 Kimberly Kirchmeyer is the Interim Executive Director of the Board. The charges and  
4 allegations in the Accusation were at all times brought and made solely in the official capacity of  
5 the Board's Executive Director.

6 II.

7 On December 20, 2006, Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G87926 was issued by  
8 the Board to George Frederick Knight, M.D. The certificate is in delinquent status, having  
9 expired on April 30, 2012. (Exhibit Package, Exhibit 4, license certification.)

10 III.

11 On June 4, 2013, Respondent was duly served with an Accusation, alleging causes for  
12 discipline against Respondent. Respondent filed a Notice of Defense to contest the Board's  
13 action against him. Respondent failed to appear at a properly noticed hearing, and Respondent  
14 was declared to be in default.

15 IV.

16 The allegations of the Accusation are true as follows:

17 On December 6, 2012, the Colorado Medical Board issued a letter of admonition against  
18 Respondent's license to practice medicine in Colorado. The letter of admonition was based on  
19 Respondent's failure to identify subdural hematomas that were visible on a C.T. study interpreted  
20 by Respondent. A copy of the letter of admonition issued by the Colorado Medical Board is  
21 attached to the Accusation, Exhibit Package, Exhibit 1.)

22 **DETERMINATION OF ISSUES**

23 I.

24 Pursuant to the foregoing Findings of Fact, Respondent's conduct and the action of  
25 the Colorado Medical Board constitute cause for discipline within the meaning of Business and  
26 Professions Code sections 2305 and 141(a).

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1 **DISCIPLINARY ORDER**


2 Physician's and Surgeon's certificate No. G87926 issued to George Frederick Knight,  
3 M.D. is hereby **REVOKED**.

4 Respondent shall not be deprived of making a request for relief from default as set forth in  
5 Government Code section 11520(c) for good cause shown. However, such showing must be  
6 made in writing by way of a motion to vacate the default decision and directed to the Medical  
7 Board of California at 2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1200, Sacramento, CA 95815 within seven  
8 (7) days of the service of this Decision.

9 This Decision will become effective December 20, 2013, at 5 p.m.

10 It is so ordered on November 20, 2013.

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12 MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA  
13 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
14 STATE OF CALIFORNIA

15 By   
16 Kimberly Kirchmeyer  
17 Interim Executive Director  
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11 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

12 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 16-2013-229361

13 **GEORGE FREDERICK KNIGHT, M.D.**

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**A C C U S A T I O N**

15 Physician's and Surgeon's  
16 Certificate No. G87926

Respondent.

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18 The Complainant alleges:

19 **PARTIES**

20 1. Linda K. Whitney (Complainant) is the Executive Director of the Medical Board of  
21 California, Department of Consumer Affairs, and brings this Accusation solely in her official  
22 capacity.

23 2. On December 20, 2006, Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G87926 was  
24 issued by the Medical Board of California to George Frederick Knight, M.D. (Respondent). Said  
25 certificate is delinquent with an expiration date of April 30, 2012.

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## JURISDICTION

3. This Accusation is brought before the Medical Board of California<sup>1</sup>, (the Board) under the authority of the following sections of the California Business and Professions Code (Code) and/or other relevant statutory enactment:

A. Section 2227 of the Code provides in part that the Board may revoke, suspend for a period not to exceed one year, or place on probation, the license of any licensee who has been found guilty under the Medical Practice Act, and may recover the costs of probation monitoring.

B. Section 2305 of the Code provides, in part, that the revocation, suspension, or other discipline, restriction or limitation imposed by another state upon a license to practice medicine issued by that state, that would have been grounds for discipline in California under the Medical Practice Act, constitutes grounds for discipline for unprofessional conduct.

C. Section 141 of the Code provides:

“(a) For any licensee holding a license issued by a board under the jurisdiction of a department, a disciplinary action taken by another state, by any agency of the federal government, or by another country for any act substantially related to the practice regulated by the California license, may be ground for disciplinary action by the respective state licensing board. A certified copy of the record of the disciplinary action taken against the licensee by another state, an agency of the federal government, or by another country shall be conclusive evidence of the events related therein.

“(b) Nothing in this section shall preclude a board from applying a specific statutory provision in the licensing act administered by the board that provides for discipline based upon a disciplinary action taken against the licensee by another state, an agency of the federal government, or another country.”

## FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Discipline, Restriction, or Limitation Imposed by Another State)

4. On December 6, 2012, the Colorado Medical Board issued a letter of admonition against Respondent's license to practice medicine in Colorado. The letter of admonition was based on Respondent's failure to identify subdural hematomas that were visible on a C.T. study

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<sup>1</sup> The terms “Board” and “Division” or “Division of Medical Quality” mean the Medical Board of California.



1 interpreted by Respondent. A copy of the letter of admonition issued by the Colorado Medical  
2 Board is attached as Exhibit A.

3 5. Respondent's conduct and the action of the Colorado Medical Board as set forth in  
4 paragraph 4, above, constitute unprofessional conduct within the meaning of section 2305 and  
5 conduct subject to discipline within the meaning of section 141(a) of the Business and  
6 Professions Code.

7 **PRAYER**

8 **WHEREFORE**, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,  
9 and that following the hearing, the Board issue a decision:


10 1. Revoking or suspending Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate Number G87926  
11 issued to respondent George Frederick Knight, M.D.;

12 2. Revoking, suspending or denying approval of Respondent's authority to supervise  
13 physician assistants;

14 3. Ordering Respondent, if placed on probation, to pay the costs probation  
15 monitoring; and

16 4. Taking such other and further action as the Board deems necessary and proper.

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19 DATED: June 4, 2013

  
LINDA K. WHITNEY  
Executive Director  
Medical Board of California  
Department of Consumer Affairs  
State of California  
Complainant

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# EXHIBIT A



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Director

**VIA CERTIFIED MAIL**

December 6, 2012  
Case No. 2012-3057-A

George F. Knight, M.D

Dear Dr. Knight:

Inquiry Panel A of the Colorado Medical Board ("Panel") has concluded its inquiry regarding your role in the care and treatment of patient L.G. It was the Panel's decision not to commence with formal proceedings against your license to practice medicine. However, the Panel did vote to administer disciplinary action to you in the form of this letter of admonition.

Patient L.G., who had a history of stroke, fell from his wheelchair and lacerated his forehead on August 2, 2008. Later that day patient L.G. underwent a C.T. scan of his brain, which you interpreted. Although there were small bilateral subdural hematomas visible in the initial film study of patient L.G.'s brain, you failed to identify them in your report.

After a review of all the information in this matter, the Panel found that your care and treatment of patient L.G. fell below the generally accepted standards of practice for a radiologist, constituting a violation of section 12-36-117 of the Colorado Revised Statutes. Specifically, you failed to identify subdural hematomas that were visible in the initial C.T. studies of patient L.G.'s brain.

By this letter, the Panel hereby admonishes you and cautions you that complaints disclosing any repetition of such practice may lead to the commencement of formal disciplinary proceedings against your license to practice medicine, wherein this letter of admonition may be entered into evidence as aggravation.

You are advised that it is your right to have this case reviewed in an administrative proceeding. To do so, you must submit a written request within twenty (20) days after receipt of this letter. In your request, you must clearly ask that formal disciplinary proceedings be initiated against you to adjudicate the propriety of the

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conduct upon which this letter of admonition is based. If such request is timely made, this letter of admonition will be deemed vacated and the matter will be processed by means of a formal complaint and hearing. This is in accordance with the provisions of the Medical Practice Act governing the discipline of licensed physicians.

Sincerely,

FOR THE COLORADO MEDICAL BOARD  
INQUIRY PANEL A



J. Dale Utt, D.O.  
Chair

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